

The FLAMING JEWEL

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Cup and Lip CHAPTER I

Two miles beyond Clinch's Dump, Hal Smith pulled Stormont's horse to a walk. He was tremendously excited.

With naive sincerity he believed that what he had done on the spur of the moment had been the only thing to do.

By snatching the Flaming Jewel from Quintana's very fingers he had diverted that vindictive bandit's fury from Eve, from Clinch, from Stormont, and had centered it upon himself.

More than that, he had sown the seeds of suspicion among Quintana's own people. They never could discover Salazar's body. Always they must believe that he was Nicolas Salazar and no other who so treacherously robbed them, and who rode away in a rain of bullets, shaking the emblazoned morocco case above his masked head in triumph, decision and defiance.

At the recollection of what had happened, Hal Smith drew breath, and sitting his saddle there in the false dawn, threw back his handsome head and laughed until the fading stars overhead swam in his eyes through tears of shearer mirth.

Smith sat his saddle, thinking, beginning to be sobered now by the inevitable reaction which follows excitement and mirth as relentlessly as care dogs the horseman.

He thought of Riga; and of the Red Terror; of murder at noonday, and outrage by night. He remembered his only encounter with a lovely child—once Grand Duchess of Esthonia—then a destitute refugee in silken rags.

What a day that had been . . . Only one day and one evening . . . And never had he been so near in love in all his life.

As the false dawn began to fade he loosened hunting coat and cartridge sling, drew from his shirt-bosom the morocco case.

It bore the arms and crest of the Grand Duchess Theodorica of Esthonia.

His fingers trembled slightly as he pressed the jeweled spring. It opened on an empty casket.

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He lifted the bride from the horse's neck, divided curb and saddle thoughtfully, touched the splendid animal with his hand.

As he entered on into the wide forest road that led to his late uncle's abode, curiosity led him to wheel into a narrower trail running east along Star Pond, and from whence he could take a farewell view of Clinch's Dump.

Alders still concealed the house across the lake, but the trail was already coming out into the starlight.

Suddenly his horse stopped short, trembling, its ears pricked forward.

Darragh sat listening intently for a moment. Then with infinite caution he leaned over the canle and gently parted the alders.

On the pebbled beach, full in the starlight, stood two figures, one white and silent, the other dark.

The arm of the dark figure clasped the waist of the white and slender one.

"Eve! Jack Stormont! What the devil are you doing over here?" Stormont walked slowly up to his own horse, laid one unsteady hand on its silky nose, kept it there while dusty, velvet lips mumbled and caressed his fingers.

"I know it was a cavalryman," he said quietly. "I suspected you, Jim. It was the sort of crazy thing you were likely to do. I don't ask you what you're up to, where you've been, what your plans may be. If you needed me I'd have told me."

"But I've got to have my horse for Eve. Her feet are wounded. She's in her night-dress and wringing wet. I've got to set her on my horse and try to take her through to Ghost Lake."

Darragh stared at Stormont, at the ghostly figure of the girl what had sunk down on the sand at the lake's edge. Then he scrambled out of the saddle and handed over the bride.

"Jack, your tunic breeches are soaked; I'll be glad to chip in something for Eve . . . Wait a moment."

He stepped into cover, drew the morocco box from his gray shirt, shoved it into his hip pocket.

Then he threw off his cartridge belt and hunting coat, pulled the gray shirt over his head and came out in his undershirt and breeches,

with the other garments hanging over his arm.

"Give her these," he said. "She can button the coat around her waist for a skirt. She'd better go somewhere and get out of that soaking-wet night-dress."

Eve, crouched on the sand, trying to wring out and twist up her drenched hair, looked up at Stormont as he came toward her holding out Darragh's dry clothing.

"You'd better do what you can with these," he said, trying to speak carelessly. . . . "He says you'd better chuck—what you're wearing."

She nodded in flushed comprehension. Stormont walked back to his horse, his boots slopping water at every stride.

"I don't know any place nearer than Ghost Lake Inn," he said. "Expect Harrod's."

"That's where we're going," Jack said Darragh cheerfully. "That's your place, isn't it?"

"It is. But I don't want Eve to know it. . . . I think it better she should not know me except as Hal Smith—for the present, anyway. You'll see to that, won't you?"

"I don't understand, but—I'll see to it."

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BARRACKVILLE

Get-Together Meeting.

The Baptist churches of Barrackville and Fairview are planning a get-together meeting next Sunday. The meeting will be held at the local church and the Fairview congregation will leave the city Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in order to be at the opening of Sunday school which begins at 10 a. m. The Fairview delegation will come by automobiles.

At 11 a. m. the Rev. A. J. Robinson, who was ordained by the church at Barrackville, will preach to the congregation. Dinner will be served in the dining room of the church at the noon hour. At 2 p. m. the real get-together meeting will be held. Addresses will be made by W. L. Neptune, W. C. Yost, J. F. Mitchell, E. Dent Brand, Otis Milam, Clara Wilson and Mrs. Dietrich.

Music for the day will be furnished by the big choir which is made up of the choirs of the two churches. The choirs met together last Sunday evening at the local church for the first rehearsal and another meeting was held at Fairview yesterday evening in preparation for the big sing Sunday. The Reverend Mr. Robinson will also preach Sunday evening.

Masquerade Party. Members of Monumental Temple 52 Pythian Sisters held a masquerade party at their hall on last Tuesday evening. Various characters were represented by the merry makers, who spent the evening in games appropriate to the season. Refreshments of gingerbread, fruit and punch were served during the evening.

Church Notes. The congregation of the Church of Christ which meets in the chapel room of the school building will hold services next Sunday in the following order: Song services will begin at 10 a. m. with preaching by Evangelist J. F. Ice at 10:30 a. m. followed by communion services.

Christian Church. The congregation of the Church of Christ which holds their services at the Christian Church will hold Sunday school next Sunday morning followed by Bible study and communion. This congregation has also arranged to begin the annual series of meetings on November 7. The services of the Rev. W. H. Baumer have been secured for the meetings. The Reverend Mr. Baumer comes from Winchester, Ky. It has not been announced how long the meetings will continue.

M. E. Church. Aside from Sunday school there will be no services in the M. E. Church next Sunday as the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Kerr, will be engaged at other appointments on his circuit. Prayer meeting is held in this church every Wednesday evening.

From Mount Clemens. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Conway returned the first of the week from Mount, Clemens, Mich., where they had spent several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conway are greatly improved by their stay at the health resort.

Sister Dies. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Draxon were called to Farmington yesterday to be present at the funeral of Mrs. John Mercer, a sister of Mr. Draxon. Several other persons from here also attended the funeral.

Community Meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Neptune, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. John Steele, the Misses Willa Straight and Josephine Drago and Orval Wilson were at Farmington last Sunday to attend the all day community sing.

Here for Funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Watson came here from Bridgeport, W. Va., to attend the funeral of Miss Katherine Shackelford.

Mrs. Robinson Hostess. Mrs. Glen Robinson will be hostess to the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Bethesda Baptist Church at the regular monthly meeting.

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There is no need for anyone to suffer from stomach and bowel trouble, no matter how long they have had it nor how many remedies they have tried that failed. If they will just get to the nearest drug store and get a bottle of Nerv-Worth for one dollar. If you are not satisfied after using the first bottle the druggist is authorized to give back your money. Hundreds of people in this state now boldly state that there is nothing like this great remedy to give relief to stomach and bowel trouble, no matter how serious or severe.

If you would ask Miss Smith, of Dunbar street, Dayton, O., about Nerv-Worth she would tell you that she had a complete breakdown from stomach and bowel trouble, had sick headache and such dizzy spells that she was afraid of falling in the street. She used Nerv-Worth and now has a good appetite, splendid digestion and no trouble whatever with her bowels. The pleasant taste of Nerv-Worth makes it attractive to women and children and its certain action in all kinds of stomach and bowel trouble make it a splendid family remedy. You can buy it at any first class drug store for one dollar a bottle. If the first bottle doesn't satisfy you with the results it gives the druggist is authorized to refund your money. It is always on sale in this city at Cranes and Portneys Two Drug Stores.

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business meeting to be held at her home Wednesday afternoon of next week. Arrangements will be completed at this meeting for the Thanksgiving bazaar and supper, which will be held the last of next month.

At Mannington. Mrs. Lafa Snyder and Miss Willa Straight were at Mannington yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ethel Clutter Huey, who died at Cook Hospital Monday.

Hallowe'en Party. The home of the Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Lawler was the scene of a Hallowe'en party last evening when their little daughter Beulah entertained a number of her young friends. The parlors were appropriately decorated, black cats, owls and spooks being in evidence on all sides. Jack-o-lanterns also added to the effect of the decorations. About forty guests were present. Refreshments of doughnuts, fruit and candy were served.

New Residents. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barrackman are new residents of Barrackville, having recently purchased the J. L. Merrifield property. Mr. and Mrs. Merrifield have moved to Fairmont.

Parsonage Guests. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harden and Mrs. E. M. Hall of Little Falls were entertained at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Lawler at the Baptist parsonage last Sunday.

Booster Week. The Baptist Church at Fairview of which the Rev. T. B. Lawler is pastor is having booster week exercises this week. The Reverend Mr. Lawler was in charge of the service Tuesday evening and will also preside at the service this evening. Members of the Fairview Church were responsible for the Wednesday night service which was the booster church prayer meeting. Friday evening will be the concluding service. A program will be given and refreshments will be served. These meetings are being held for the purpose of getting a good start on the year's work.

Rib Broken. Charles Sullivan of Uniontown, Pa., who has been staying at the home of his son, Roy Sullivan, for some time, is off duty this week suffering from a broken rib.

Personals. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Robinson and children, James and Mary, were entertained as dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robinson Sunday.

Mrs. I. A. Wiseman of Fairmont was a guest at the home of Mrs. Luther Shackelford, Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Posthwaite of Littleton is the guest of her daughter, Mr. G. N. Conway of Saxman street.

Mrs. L. S. Jamison has been confined to her home with nervous troubles for the past few days.

Mrs. J. N. Kennedy of Monumental was the guest of friends here Wednesday.

Evangelist J. F. Ice was at Ida May over the week end to hold services in the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Garner of Fairmont and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wilson of this place motored to Wetzel County and spent last week with relatives.

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**NEXT TUESDAY LAST
CHANCE TO REGISTER**

Only one more opportunity to register will be given before the general election on November 7. The County Court will sit as a registering body all day next Tuesday in the County Court room at the courthouse. This will be absolutely the last chance to register prior to the general election on the following Tuesday.

Hundreds of new names were placed on the registration books by the registrars when they sat in their respective precincts on Monday and Tuesday of this week, but it is almost a certain fact that many have been missed and will be deprived of their vote on November 7 unless they visit the courthouse next Tuesday and have their name placed on the registration book.

WILD GAME PLENTIFUL

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Oct. 26.—Abundance of wild game in various parts of Huntington County has attracted the attention of automobile tourists raving over the state highways through this section. Deer, wild turkeys, squirrels and rabbits are said to have increased greatly in numbers and grouse are reappearing in their old haunts.

A herd of fourteen deer was encountered recently by two men on a trip into Diamond Valley. Three bucks and eleven does were in the herd.

13,000 PROGRAMS OF ACADEMY PRESERVED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 26.—Thirteen thousand programs, the entire collection of the Academy of Music, have been turned over to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. This is said to be one of the largest and most complete collections of theater programs in existence. There is no doubt, experts declare, that it is the best existing record of the activities of a Philadelphia theater covering a period of sixty five years.

The collection is unusually rich in social and operatic lore. Included is the program of the grand opening of the Academy in 1857, at that time the finest opera house in the country. The opening was a gala event and society in the city and from upstate attended in force. There are also those issued at the regular assemblies in their time among the most exclusive social events of the kind in the United States. The social history of the city and State is reflected in the programs.

The programs are of all shapes and sizes. Some are mere slips of paper, some are folders, and some

can be classified as books. Again there are those printed on silk, and those bound in velvet and leather. A few are in color and still others bear fantastic designs. Programs that have wine-lists with prices printed on their backs are in the collection these having been printed in the era when theaters were permitted to have bars.

A complete record of opera in America of which Philadelphia is a representative can be traced through this assemblage of "guides to the performance." Stars whose names have faded from all but the most tenacious of ancient memories appear upon them. Thon too, the collection constitutes a record of actors, musicians, and general "artists" famous in their day.

STARTS PRACTICE HERE. Dr. John Murphy, a local dentist who had been practicing in Cumberland, Md., has become associated with Dr. H. W. Burnett, whose offices are located in the Professional Building. Doctor Murphy entered the army shortly after completing his college work and after the war began to practice in Cumberland.

Have you ever seen the Black Horse Brigade? Ad.

RETAIN POTATO CROWN

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 26.—The crown of "potato king" of thampton County" still remains the possession of Harry J. Fritch of this city.

Mr. Fritch's seventy-seven acre this year yielded 1,990 bushels of the tubers an increase of seventy seven bushels to the acre over the yield last year when Mr. Fritch harvested 14,000 bushels from the same acreage.

His best yield for any one acre this year was slightly over 800 bushels.

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Postum is the delicious golden-brown cereal beverage that many former coffee-drinkers prefer for its satisfying flavor alone.

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